

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-78 were pending. Claims 1, 9, 16, 18, 25, 31, 33-34, 36, 43, 49, 51-52, 54, 61, 67, 69-70 and 72 were rejected. Claims 2-8, 10-15, 17, 19-24, 26-30, 32, 35, 37-42, 44-48, 50, 53, 55-60, 62-66, 68, 71 and 73-78 were objected to. Claims 1, 9, 16, 18, 25, 31, 33-34, 36, 43, 49, 51-52, 54, 61, 67, 69-70 and 72 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,697,076, which has been assigned to a common assignee.

In this response, no claim has been canceled or amended. A terminal disclaimer has been submitted herewith to overcome the rejections. No new matter has been added.


In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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